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## ONE COLORADO INCIDENT

Oh, many a shaft at random sent,  
Finds marks the archer little meant!  
And many a word at random spoken  
May soothe, or wound, a heart that's broken.  
—Scott.

### ORGANIC ACT AMENDMENTS

Those "local legislators" reported by the morning paper as being concerned over the question of "just how the Organic Act can be amended through the appropriation bill" are not well informed on either the practices of Congress or territorial history. Amending national laws by means of riders on appropriation bills is an old story, being a practice of long standing and often denounced but the legality of which has never been successfully questioned.

In 1905 the Organic Act was amended to permit appeals and writs of error from the supreme court of Hawaii to the supreme court of the United States, in cases where federal law was not involved but the value of property at stake was more than \$5000, by an amendment to the deficiency appropriation bill. This was effected, as well known at the time, at the instance of one Bierce, a Chicago capitalist, against whose firm a final decision had been rendered, in the matter of a railroad in Kona, by the Hawaii supreme court. Prior to that piece of legislation the relations between the federal and territorial courts were in general similar to those between the federal and state courts; cases could be taken to the federal supreme court from the territorial supreme court, as from a state supreme court, only by writ of error and only when a federal question was involved, and could not be taken, as from other territories, either by appeal to the supreme court or at all to the circuit court of appeals" (Frear).

Although the Organic Act is the constitution of Hawaii, its status is merely that of a federal statute. It may be amended or repealed by Congress as readily as the county act may be by the territorial legislature.

If every property owner of the city could be present at the meeting tonight of the Manoa Improvement Club for discussion of the frontage tax, it would be a great civic blessing. More people should take more time to learn more about this and other city problems. Thus would they gain much for themselves and at the same time confer a benefit upon the community in which they live. Making a city grow, prosper and become something of which we can all be proud is no one-man proposition.

Three British army aviators killed within as many days, a civilian mechanic sharing the fate of one of them, contribute to an appalling record being made the present year in this branch of military service throughout the world. It is a gruesome but true reflection that the compensation for such heroic sacrifice in peace times can only come from great destruction of life and costly armament in war.

Honolulu again shows itself up-to-date by having a little peace centenary celebration of its own. Had the hundred years of peace between American and Britain been broken in the past hundred years, in all likelihood Hawaii would have contributed a scene to the dreadful war drama. In fact one of the most acute crises overcome by the two nations in that time was centered in Hawaii.

Kyote's method of pestering tourists to buy mementoes and things, as described by the Star-Bulletin staff correspondence, will, it is hoped, never be copied by Hawaii. With abundant facilities of legitimate advertising of our wares, anything that will give a disagreeable impression to visitors should be strictly tabooed.

Never a great event in the history of the country that Irish-Americans are not in the front ranks of those contending for and defending their nation's honor. The first man killed in action at Vera Cruz was Daniel Aloysius Haggerty, the son of Michael Haggerty of Cambridge, Mass.

Barron says Postmaster Young will make Honolulu postoffice "unsurpassed by none on the mainland." Now we should like to see our old postoffice surpass just a few of the dinky establishments at mainland crossroads.

### COUNTRESS PRESIDES AT WOMEN'S COUNCIL

(By Latest Mail)  
ROME. — The countess of Aberdeen, vicereine of Ireland, presided over the opening meeting of the quinquennial assembly of the international ter they get them.

council of women, whose purpose is to review women's progress and to plan new activities, assisted by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the national suffrage association.

Some girls have trouble in getting husbands—and nothing but trouble at

Incidents that put iron in the souls of men and harden the hearts of women are really the telling factors in contests between labor and capital of which the state of Colorado is now furnishing a horrible example.

The lamentable failure of the Colorado state police and militia is practically admitted by the necessity for calling the Federal troops into the field. Those who have followed the stories of the situation at Trinidad will recall that the crowning horror of the battle was the attack on the tent city of strikers. The place was fired upon and then burned, women and children being smothered in the cellars dug for them to give protection from the bullets.

Here is one man's story as told before the coroner's jury and recorded by Frances Wayne, special correspondent for the Denver Post. Incidentally Miss Wayne visited these islands about a year ago:

Following Mrs. Jolly's testimony came William Snider, a striker, who had been part owner of the store in the tent colony, and whose little son was shot in the head and killed during the bombardment of the colony by the machine guns. Snider's story as he told it, in quick, jerky sentences, brought tears to the eyes of those who listened. He told of how the trouble broke out with the firing of the two bombs, after Louis Tikas had refused to give up the men whom the soldiers came to see. He told of how the bullets began to whizz through his tent. During the day, he said, his son Frank, 12 years old, was shot through the head and killed.

He told of trying to rescue the body of the boy, but said the bullets whizzed so fast that he had to take refuge in the cave with his wife and other children.

"That was at 1 o'clock," he continued. "Then the militia came."

The body of the boy he had taken to another side of the tent and was trying to wash the blood stains from his face and keep his arms from convulsive twitching when the militia came and set fire to the tent. After firing it, they opened the door.

"They saw me in the cave," he said, "and cursed me."

"Tell what the militiamen said," demanded District Attorney Hendrick.

"One of them said," he answered, "What in hell are you doing here?" I replied, "I am trying to save my family." Then he said, "You damned red-neck."

"Get out of there. Come out, and get in a damned hurry about it." I said, "Let me get the body of my boy." The militiaman replied, "Get him and get him damned quick."

Snider then told of picking up the body of his son. He said he asked the militiaman to help him carry the body to the depot, as he had a little girl to look after, too, and the militiaman asked him, "Ain't you big enough to carry it yourself, you damned red-neck?"

Snider then took the hand of the little girl, threw the body of his dead son over his shoulder, and started for the depot.

"On the way I understood," he said, "the one who they call Jesus Christ, Lindbergh—the one with the bull face," interrupted the district attorney, "the one who has been in the Philippines and in Mexico?"

"Yes; that's the one," answered Snider.

"Threw a flashlight in my face, and told me if I didn't get to hell out of there, he would help me, and stuck his revolver in my head. My wife, who was coming behind with two of the children, rushed in between us, and I went on with the boy and the little girl."

"We got to the depot, where I laid the boy down in the corner of the room and covered him with a coat. The room was filled with militiamen and guardsmen; jeering and laughing at what had happened and telling how many men they had potted off in the camp and how many more they would get the next morning. They cursed me and asked what a damned red-neck was doing there. I told them I intended to stay there with my dead boy and my family until the train would come and I could get away."

Snider testified that on many occasions he had heard the militia threaten to "get" the colony, and he believed they were in the pay of the operators and doing their bidding when the Ludlow tent colony was set on fire and its people driven forth or killed.

This plain statement of happenings in about twenty-four hours of the life of one family is enough to make one stop and think. The state and the nation must do more than think.

That six Hawaiian students have taken degrees at Stanford at one time is matter for local pride. The time should not be far distant when our boys and girls in increasing numbers will seek degrees from our own college.

It will be interesting to see the amount of retrenchment effected for the whole nation, when the large sum of \$1500 is saved from the salaries of the governor and the secretary of Hawaii.

Maui taxpayers have had their money expended to such good purpose, as a rule, that they will take no great risk in voting for a bond issue for much-needed public improvements.

Mayor Fern will need to be a more astute politician than his admirers describe him if he can afford to throw down those that were his friends in need.

Huerta says he will quit if the only thing left to him is to quit. Level-headed Huerta.

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Let our license commission formulate and put in force rules that will make the procuring of intoxicating liquors more difficult. Why should a license be granted to a dry goods house, or a grocery, or a legitimate commission concern? Why should there be so many "wholesale" liquor licenses granted to concerns that are wholesale only in name, but which advertise their wares and deliver them to all parts of the city just as does the grocery, the baker, or the milk man? It is not now necessary to go to a saloon to get a drink, as it was formerly. It is advertised to "family trade" and delivered by the bottle under a "wholesale" license, making it just as easy to get liquors as to get meat or milk.

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## Letters OR TIMELY TOPICS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

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